Industries—foreign competition.

543. Mr. A. I. Mani.—(a) Is the Government aware that there are very many indigenous infant industries like sugar, matches, candle, cement etc., struggling for existence on account of foreign competition;

(b) if so, what have they done to relieve the distress either by way of financial help or by way of expert and technical advice?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Government are not aware; the information will be collected in the proposed Economic Survey.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to subdivision (a).

Educational facilities—Mulamkunnathukavu.

544. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has not been drawn to the paucity of educational facilities for the village of Choolisseri in the Mulakunnathukavu Constituency;

(b) whether anything has been done by the Government to bless the village with minimum educational facilities?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Inquiries go to show that no need for fresh schools is felt in this village.

Contribution towards maternity and child welfare work.

545. Mr K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Government were budgettiug or contributing any amount towards maternity and child welfare work in the last 10 years; and if so, when were they doing so;

(b) whether this has been done in recent years; and if not,

(c) when and why has it been given up?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes, in 1099 and 1100.

(b) No.

(c) Not since 1100. No special reasons.

Provision for free air within the Mattancheri Male Hospital compound.

546. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it will not be possible to purchase the land lying on the backwater side and close to the site of the Mattancheri

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